ACAB recommended 119 officers from year groups (YGs) 96, 97, 98 and 99 to fill valid vacancies within the AAC. Congratulations to the following captains on their selection for accession into the AAC:

Adams, Freddy Lee II
Alexander, Anree Carte
Armstrong, Reginald Fritzger
Baird, Jacqueline Erin
Barnes, Ralph Raymond
Barnhill, Rob William
Beal, Loyd III
Bentley, Donald B. II
Bigelow, Mark James
Blanche, Ron L.
Bonnette, Freeman Terrill
Brown, Kermit Walter
Brunet, Jeremy
Butler, Terry Lawrence
Cavaleri, Ruby Lee
Christiansen, Michael Jacob
Cisneros, Christopher A.
Coburn, Jerry Eugene
Coddington, Leo Robert
Conde, Jason Ray
Conkle, Richard David
Cornelius, Ashantas Katango
Courtland, Christopher
Cundy, William Todd
Cunningham, William Michael
Damborsky, Matthew Wayne
Dargan, Cleveland Joseph
Denomy, Troy Michael
Duus, Andrew John
Dye, Mary Elizabeth
Ellison, Theresa Latrell
Emery, Christopher B.
Enderton, Christopher
Galloway, Christopher Todd
Garris, William A.
Garrison, Richard Carter
Gilman, Andrew Luke
Harper, Curtis Neal
Harrison, Gary Joseph Jr.
Helmore, Scott Edward
Hemingway, Corey Pernell
Hernandez, Russ A.

Howell, Ryan Andrew
Hughley, Anthony Emanuel
Humphrey, Ian Woodin
Jackson, Kevin Darrell
James, Jeffrey David
Jeffery, Jeremy Jay
Kaul, Michael Dale
Keena, Joshua Monroe
Kelly, Frances Corine
Kime, Matthew Jon
King, Nathaniel Lee
Koschnik, Andrew Thomas
Kovacs, Michael Joseph
Lee, Jim Anthony
Linz, Christopher Andrew
Lopez, Phillip Rey
Lueders, Ryan Paul
Lunoff, Andrew Saul
Lyons, Jeffrey Bernard
Maher, John Joseph
McBride, Marlon
McDonald, Richard Mehran
McFall, Ben Patrick III
Mehochko, Daniel A.
Mendez, Carlos R.
Meredith, Steven Parker
Merz, Wendy Ann
Miller, Burr Hans
Moore, Richard Brian
Morgan, Raymond Henry III
Muller, August IV
Nasif, George Goddard
Niles, Altheria Major Jr.
Noda, Kyle Anton
Palmeter, Daniel Robert
Pfeiffer, Richard Howard Jr.
Pollard, Gregory Todd
Reiling, Darin Steven
Rivera, Johnny
Rosadopadilla, Angel Ramon
Ross, Jason Wallace
Rudometkin, David James
Ruiz, Arturo
Rumbley, Stephen Paul

Rush, Joseph J. Jr.
Sawyer, Jay Clifton
Schow, Ronald D.
Schrock, Kevin James
Scooler, David James
Shepherd, Eric Leroy
Sims, Shane Derek
Skrabanek, Bruce Alan
Smart, Shawanta Depree
Smith, Brian Jeffrey
Snipes, Christopher Wayne
Spencer, Gregory Dinwiddie
Spurlock, Brian M.
Stanton, Derrick
Stubblefield, Lisa Cheryl
Tam, Jenny Kai Yee
Tande, Bradley Christian Jr.

Tanglao, Dominic John
Taylor, David Lee Jr.
Taylor, Mark Ryan
Tolbert, Derrick Leon
Tran, Pon Van
Troncoso, George
Vandeweg, Eric Dean
Vaughan, Brian David
Venable, William Robert
Waddy, Josh Lee
Weakley, Wallace Edward Jr.
Welcher, Kwane Emenike
Williams, Archie Larell Jr.
Williams, Isaac Abayomi
Williams, Kareem Montigo
Wilson, Gordon L.

News Briefs

Distributed Learning System (DLS) Enhances Soldier Readiness

COL Sharon Holmes

Everywhere you look today, managers are emphasizing the importance of advanced technology integration and a decided need for a better-educated workforce. This focus is becoming readily evident in the corporate world, government, military and academia. There is a revolution underway to leverage advanced technology, and training in the U.S. Army is no exception. Faced with funding cuts, tremendous operations tempo, great demands on troop strength and a need to mobilize quickly in response to worldwide situations, the Army is emphasizing more than ever training programs that directly support Soldier readiness.

"The overriding premise is that we will provide forces fully trained and with the best equipment we can provide," remarked U.S. Army Forces Command Mobilization Director BG Gary A. Quick. "There will be no exception to that rule." In a similar statement, Army Surgeon General LTG James Peake stated that "it's all about the readiness of the Soldier." Peake knows because the Medical Corps has made

it a priority to deliver training when and where it is needed using advanced technology.

Soldier readiness necessitates training on-demand — anywhere, anytime, 24/7. The Army is embarking on a course of action that will revolutionize the way training is done. DLS is breaking old training paradigms by bringing training to Soldiers whenever and wherever needed.

DLS is the infrastructure that delivers distributed learning (DL), providing Soldier, unit and mission-critical training to support both synchronous training where the instructor and student interact while linked via videoconferencing, teleconferencing or the Internet, and asynchronous training where the instructor and student interact via e-mail and the Internet. DL instruction may not even require an instructor's presence. It can involve several types of media, and emphasizes the use of reusable content, networks and learning management systems.

Background

In 1995, Army Chief of Staff (CSA) GEN Dennis J. Reimer directed the Army to develop a program for training Soldiers and units by leveraging information technology (IT). The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), the Army's training architect, developed a plan and presented it to the CSA for approval, who then directed The Army Distance Learning Program (TADLP) implementation in April 1996. The program has since been renamed The Army Distributed Learning Program, which more accurately describes the program.

The DLS Project Management Office (PMO) is a TADLP component. DLS supports "one-standard-training" provided through The Army School System, U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard. DLS's mission is to increase and sustain force and unit readiness through a broad range of training options that meet unit operational needs and individual Soldier and civilian requirements.

DDTCs will be used primarily to train deployed Soldiers, or those in remote locations, using embedded and digitally transferred modules. Here, Soldiers from 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, debrief following an operational mission near Baquba, Iraq, June 6, 2005. (U.S. Air Force photo by SSGT Suzanne M. Day.)

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The Army's System for DL

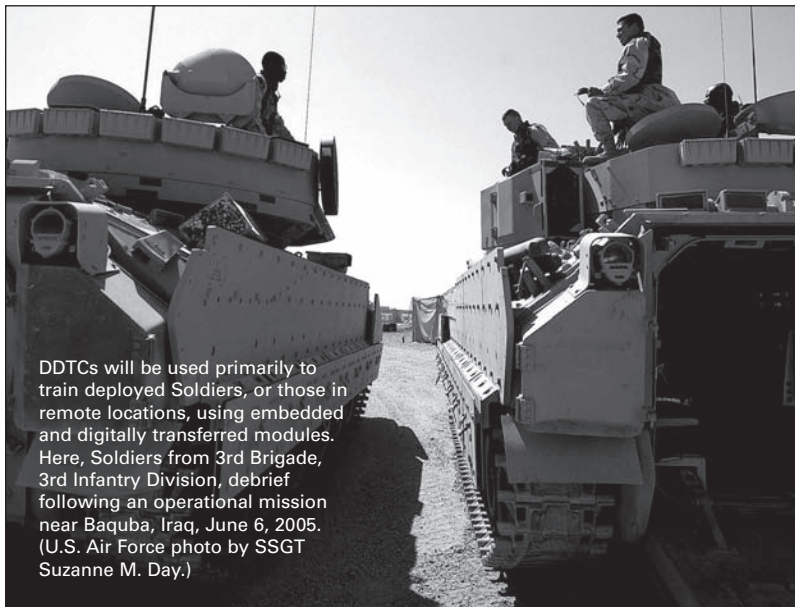The DL solution the Army has embraced is DLS, which comprises several different components, including Digital Training Facilities (DTFs), the Army Learning Management System (LMS), Army e-Learning, an Enterprise Management Center and the development of Deployed Digital Training Campuses (DDTCs). DLS provides Army leaders at senior and unit levels and training officers and noncommissioned officers (NCOs) with a powerful tool to manage their Soldiers' careers from one centralized location, thereby saving time and money. Additionally, it provides Soldiers access to training at the right place and right time worldwide. Soon, it will provide Soldiers the ability to track their own training history.

DTFs provide Soldiers with an on-base location to access Web-based job-related and professional development courses away from the workplace and distractions of home. So far, 274 DTFs are operational in the United States, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Korea and Japan. In addition to training at DTFs, Army personnel can access training from anywhere they have computer and Internet access.

PMO DLS has also developed the exciting new Army LMS, which is currently being fielded. This powerful technology provides 24/7 access to content management and collaboration with other students and instructors. From the office, home or DTF, Soldiers can meet their DL needs, including access to content, course catalogs and schedules, collaborative resources and training history. The combined capabilities of DLS and the Army LMS will make training more efficient, delivery more flexible and provide Soldiers the ability to track their own training histories. Army LMS has the potential to touch every Soldier and civilian workforce member. The Army LMS will be the single source for Soldiers and their leaders to see training deficiencies, and to address and direct their Soldiers to take the training they need to correct those deficiencies.

DLS is officially moving forward with DDTCs, the fourth component of its acquisition strategy. Each DDTC is a mobile, networked system of 20 notebook computers, a server, printer and equipment to transfer digital information to and from satellites. DDTCs will be used primarily to train Soldiers on foreign soil or in remote areas that are not accessible to the DLS DTFs. DDTCs will also be used to mitigate training demands and equipment shortages brought about by surge conditions on Army force projection installations. Two DDTCs will be built for each active Army division (approximately 20 systems) and 10 DDTCs will be built for surge support. The surge support systems will be maintained and deployed by TRADOC. Final DDTC design approval is scheduled for October 2005 with prototype production to be completed by February 2006.

Army e-Learning

The latest Army DLS component is Army e-Learning. The Army e-Learning Program provides every Active Duty Soldier, National Guardsman, Reservist, ROTC Cadet and Army civilian access to more than 1,500 Web-based IT, business, leadership and personal development courses. These courses are free to individuals and their organizations and are Internet-accessible 24/7. Army e-Learning benefits include:

• Opportunities for promotion points.
• Certification programs.
• Continuous learning points.
• Some college course accreditation.

DL affords Soldiers many benefits, including increased training flexibility and opportunities and less time away
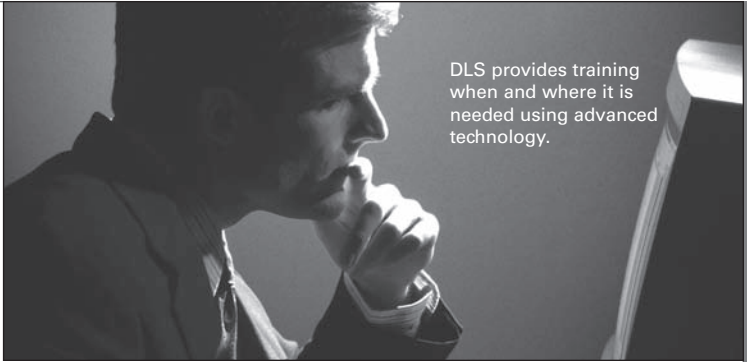
DLS provides training when and where it is needed using advanced technology.

from their duty stations and families. Benefits also include improved training coordination and information access for Soldiers, leaders, training officers and NCOs in determining training requirements and status.

DLS provides the ability to distribute standardized training to individual Soldiers and units through IT application.

For more information about DL training opportunities and course content, links to your nearest DTF and the Army LMS, visit DLS at **www.dls.army.mil**. To access Army e-Learning go to **http://usarmy.skillport.com**.

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New Fort Detrick Office Assists Small and Disadvantaged Businesses

Karen Fleming-Michael

Business, elected and military leaders huddled in the lobby of the new Fort Detrick, MD, Business Development Office (BDO) March 22 to celebrate its official opening. Located off post at 201 Thomas Johnson Drive, the office will serve as a bridge for businesses, nonprofit groups, academic institutions, local government and community organizations that want to work with Fort Detrick organizations.

"The important thing for us is that Fort Detrick and all its tenants are opening up doors for businesses based here," explained Frederick Mayor Jennifer Dougherty at the ceremony. "I think it's great that everybody opened up their ears and minds, then opened up the gates, in a figurative way, by setting up this office."

Soldier readiness necessitates training on-demand — anywhere, anytime — and DLS delivers. Here, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Soldiers search for insurgents on the banks of the Diyala River near Baquba, Iraq, June 3, 2005. (U.S. Army photo by SPC Gul A. Alisan.)

Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting with Sen. Barbara Mikulski; Rep. Roscoe Bartlett; Tracey Pinson, Director, Army Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization; MG Martinez-Lopez, then Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick; along with local political and business leaders.

The BDO offers a "streamlined way to help guide businesses through the process of selling items and services to the government — and also assists those who can transfer our basic research and technology to private industry," remarked MG Lester Martinez-Lopez, then Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (MRMC) and Fort Detrick. "The professionals who work at this beautiful facility are going to be able to explain every step, so no business loses out on an opportunity to work with Fort Detrick simply because they got lost or overwhelmed by all the requirements and processes," he continued.

Detrick personnel — including Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization members — will staff the BDO. The Maryland Technology Development Corp., Frederick County Office of Economic Development and Maryland Department of Economic Development will also provide support.

At the ceremony, Rep. Roscoe Bartlett recalled his contracting experiences with "red tape" in the years before taking public office. "We envisioned a facility just outside the gate where government and small business representatives could get together," he said. "The government genuinely wants to access small businesses because we know there's a lot of creativity and entrepreneurship that taxpayers are not able to

William Askinazi, Assistant Secretary for the Maryland Department of Economic Development, presents MG Lester Martinez-Lopez a citation recognizing him and the Fort Detrick BDO for their "spirit of enterprise and initiative in bringing innumerable benefits" to the people of Fort Detrick and the community. (U.S. Army photo by Larry Sorcher.)

take advantage of because people are intimidated by the [perceived] red tape and the impersonal approach [of doing business with the government]," Bartlett explained.

Jerome Maultsby, Associate Director for Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, MRMC, Fort Detrick, plans to work at the office at least one day a week.

"We understand the required security at the front gate represents a barrier and sometimes limits how firms can market to the installation," Maultsby admitted in a 2004 interview. "Hopefully this initiative will demonstrate to the small business community in Frederick that we're reaching out and they can learn more about business opportunities within Fort Detrick and vice versa."

The office's staff will offer free advisory services, training on government contracting and a database of projected procurement opportunities for all units at Fort Detrick.

Martinez-Lopez thanked Sen. Barbara Mikulski, Sen. Paul Sarbanes and Bartlett for their help in creating the office and assistance in getting funding to help transfer technology "so the great products we create can find homes with companies that want to carry them forward to help our military and our Nation," he said.

Technology transfer was a cause Mikulski championed on Capitol Hill. "I was interested in the innovation economy," Mikulski offered. "What were the smart, new ideas coming out of our military research, particularly in biotechnology, that could be transferred to the civilian economy without giving up important national security secrets? We [Bartlett, Sarbanes and Mikulski] were able to come up with the federal funds to do it."

On behalf of Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich, Assistant Secretary for the Maryland Department of Economic Development William Askinazi presented Martinez-Lopez with a citation recognizing him and the office for their "spirit of enterprise and initiative in bringing innumerable benefits" to the people of Fort Detrick and the community.

Following the speakers' remarks, the center officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony to symbolize the end of contracting bureaucracy. Then about 75 business community representatives toured the new office.

"I just hope it's always this crowded," said Fort Detrick Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting Paul Michaels.

Karen Fleming-Michael is a Staff Writer with the Fort Detrick, MD, Public Affairs Office.

Deputy PEO EIS COL Tom Hogan (right) presents the PM DCS-E charter to LTC Charles A. Wells, the incoming PM DCS-E. (U.S. Army photo by Bob Fowler.)

PM DCS-E provides a robust and scalable networked information infrastructure in support of Army installations, other support activities and deployed combat forces in the European theater. DA is the lead military department for the voice portion of Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program and PM DCS-E is the in-theater PM.

Bob Fowler, a Sytex Inc. employee, serves as staff photographer for PM DCASS and the Fort Monmouth PEO EIS Strategic Communications and Outreach Directorate.

Wells to Lead DCS-E

Bob Fowler

LTC Charles A. Wells accepted the charter for Product Manager, Defense Communications Systems–Europe (DCS-E), from Deputy Program Executive Officer (PEO) for PEO Enterprise Information Systems (EIS) COL Tom Hogan and outgoing Program Manager (PM) for DCS-E LTC Simon Holzman in a ceremony held in Mannheim, Germany, May 26, 2005. Wells, a University of Illinois and Webster University graduate, formerly served as Operations Chief at the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center, Fort Belvoir, VA.

Also participating in the ceremony were BG Carroll F. Pollett, Commanding General, 5th Signal Command, U.S. Army Europe G-6, and Dolores Mancini, Acting PM Defense Communications and Army Switched Systems (DCASS) — PM DCS-E's parent organization.

LTC Kilgallon Becomes New PM AHRS Leader

LTC John Kilgallon was named Product Manager, Army Human Resource System (PM AHRS), during a Change of Charter Ceremony held June 17, 2005, at Fort Belvoir, VA. The ceremony was held at Headquarters, Program Executive Office for Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) and was officiated by Lee Harvey, Deputy Program Executive Officer, PEO EIS.

Kilgallon is a 1986 Distinguished Military Graduate of Johns Hopkins University and has been an Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) member since 1995. He replaces LTC Joseph Klumpp, who has been at AHRS's helm for the last 3 years.

During his tenure, Klumpp's AHRS team replaced Standard Installation/Division Personnel System-3 (SIDPERS-3) with a Web-based Electronic Military Personnel Office

LTC Joseph Klumpp (left), former PM AHRS, relinquishes his charter to LTC John Kilgallon (right). Deputy PEO EIS Lee Harvey officiates during the ceremony held at Fort Belvoir, June 17, 2005. (U.S. Army photo by Richard Mattox, PEO EIS.)

(e-MILPO) system. The e-MILPO system won a Government Computer News Agency Award in October 2004. The AHRS team developed the myERB Web site, which has produced more than 3 million Enlisted Record Briefs in 18 months. The AHRS team also completed the migration of personnel tempo functionality to eMILPO. And most recently, the team developed, tested and fielded Deployed Theater Accountability Software, which the U.S. Marine Corps has adopted. This has saved the Corps millions in research and development dollars.

Klumpp is retiring after 21 years of active service. He received a regular Army commission upon graduation from James Madison University in 1984 and has been an AAC member since 1992.

ALTESS News

Army Acquisition Business Enterprise Architecture (AABEA)

MAJ Steven Lundy

The Product Manager for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Enterprise Systems and Services' (ALTESS') AABEA team recently celebrated a milestone. Less than a year ago, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics

and Technology's (ASAALT's) Requirements Management Office (SAAL-RB) charged ALTESS with the responsibility of documenting the acquisition community's business systems architecture. The primary and most immediate purpose was to meet an HQDA directive to reduce the number of information technology (IT) systems the acquisition community was using to conduct business. It was generally accepted that the community managed and used more than 200 IT systems and the goal was to develop a plan to significantly reduce that number.

The AABEA team was formed to take on this challenge. The project was structured with the goal of responding to the SAAL-RB objective. Using a 6-month deliverable schedule, ALTESS and Northrop Grumman planned the delivery of architecture products focused on answering the questions SAAL-RB had concerning the hundreds of systems it managed.

On April 3, the AABEA team delivered to SAAL-RB the first version of Acquisition Domain Artifacts, based on the Department of Defense Architecture Framework. They are also referred to by ALTESS as AABEA v1.0. The Acquisiton Domain Governance Team (ADGT) accepted artifact management control April 13, 2005. The AABEA team is now designing the upgrades for Architecture v2.0, to be delivered in October 2005. To view AABEA v1.0:

- Log into the Army Knowledge Online Home Page at **www.us.army.mil**.
- Click on the **Files** icon in the yellow upper right box.
- Click on **U.S. Army Organizations** in the far left box highlighted in white.
- Click on **Acquisition**.
- Under Knowledge Centers, click on **BMMP Acquisition Domain**.
- Click on **ADGT**.
- Click on **AABEA v1.0**.

Questions concerning AABEA v1.0 can be directed to LTC Patrick Burden at (703) 604-7444 or **patrick.burden@ hqda.army.mil**. Questions or comments concerning AABEA v2.0 can be directed to MAJ Steven Lundy at (703) 601-4720 or **jacques.lundy@asc.belvoir.army.mil**.